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historical criticism, when fairly applied, do not call for the radical views of the Wellhausen school. In our conviction, Kittel, too, although regarding the leading data of the Pentateuch as historical and the central thoughts of its religion inspired, yields more than fairness and necessity demand. But his work is a departure in the right direction, namely, in his attempt to re-state the facts of Israel's religious development on the bases of objective historical criticism, and not from the stand-point of subjective philosophical speculation.

DELITZSCH ON THE PSALMS.*

This most valuable of commentaries is before us again in a new and beautiful form. It is not too much to say that there is no living exegete who has entered so completely and so truly into the spirit of the Hebrew Psalter as has Professor Delitzsch. His commentary has had an eventful history. Issued first in 1859-60, a second edition appeared in 1867, a third in 1873, and a fourth in 1883. The present translation has been made from an interleaved copy of the last edition, with the author's latest additions and corrections in manuscript.

Although it must be granted that there is no commentary on the Psalter equal to this, two criticisms may be suggested: (1) that the matter is not sufficiently condensed; surely the same material could be given without loss in one-third less space; and (2) that the matter is not systematically arranged. There is a constant mixture of Hebrew, Arabic, Syriac, Latin, Greek, quotations, paraphrases, wonderfully deep spiritual expressions, exceedingly dry philological statements which to any but a professional scholar will seem confusing and disturbing. If the American edition could have been edited, the whole matter condensed into two-thirds of the space now occupied, and one-third of the material remaining consigned to foot-notes, the edition would have been incomparable. But from it as it now stands, one will get a clearer insight into the meaning of the Psalms, a firmer grasp of their teachings, than from any other source.

* COMMENTARY ON THE PSALMS. By Professor Franz Delitzsch, D. D., of Leipzig. From the latest edition specially revised by the author in three volumes. Vol. 1. Translated by the Rev. David Eaton, M. A., and Rev. James E. Dügaid. New York: *Funk & Wagnalls*, Astor Place. 12mo, pp. 513. Price, \$2.00.